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In re Application of : Yuzo KIKUCHI Art Unit: 1771 Examiner: E. COLE Serial No. 09/033.909 Filed March 3, 1998 Washington, D.C. A FABRIC FOR WELDING Atty.'s Docket: KIKUCHI=2 For Date: February 14, 2000 RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP_ Sir: Transmitted herewith is an [X] Amendment After Final the above-identified application. [X] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. [X] No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: OR ADDITIONAL RATE CLAIMS HIGHEST PRESENT RATE ADDITIONAL FFF REMAINING NO. **EXTRA** FEE PREVIOUSLY **AFTER** PAID FOR **AMENDMENT** x 9 \$ TOTAL MINUS = 0 + 13 * * 20 X 18 \$ x 39 \$ INDEP. MINUS \$ * 1 X 78 \$ +130 \$ + 260 FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM Total TOTAL \$ Additional fee If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3 If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed. [XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time If any extension of time for a response is required applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. [] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR calculated as shown below: Small Entity Other than small entity Response Filed Within Response Filed Within] First] First - \$55.00 - \$ 110.00 Second - \$190.00] Second - \$ 380.00 Third - \$435.00] Third - \$ 870.00 Fourth - \$680.00 .] Fourth - \$1360.00 Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set [] Less fees (\$ _____) already paid for ___ __ month(s) extension of time on _. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$] A check in the amount of____ __ Is attached (Check No. __ [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR Section 1.18. BROWDY AND NEIMARK, P.L.L.C. Attorneys for Applicant(s)

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